



## PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK LOCAL RESOURCES TIP OF THE WEEK 09.10.08

### **CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (CAP) SUMMARY**

#### **Network Center**

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#### **Recruitment Criteria**

- Age 18 & Older
- Valid CA Driver's License / Ability to Obtain
- Reliable Transportation
- Expressed interest in entry level work in building trades
- Commitment to completion of training & certifications
- Expressed interest in expanding basic construction skills
- Skilled workers in need of job referrals

#### **Program Highlights**

Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways Hands-on Skills Training (11 weeks): *For those with no prior experience*

- 1 - Week Life Skills Workshops
- 8 - Week Hands-on training at Harbor Occupational Center 360 hours of instruction / math instruction
- Prepare for the Union Apprenticeship and Utility exams
- 2 - Week Certification training

Industry Certifications - *Trainee is expected to complete all certifications*

- OSHA 10 / Confined Spaces
- First Aid / CPR
- Hazardous Waste Worker Protection & Emergency Response
- Refinery Safety Overview (RSO)

Services for Skilled Workers

- 2 - Week Certification Training
- Intensive Job Placement Assistance

Job Search Assistance

Job Referrals to Local Contractors

Career Counseling & Support Services

#### **Job Opportunities**

- Entry & mid-level positions in the construction trades, refineries or environmental occupations
- Sample occupations: Construction Laborer; Carpenter Framer; Electrical Apprentice; Roofer; Plumber's Helper
- The construction industry in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metro Division declined 6.7% per EDD in 08/08 but remains one of the largest in this area; renewal of aging public infrastructure a high priority
- Hourly Wage Range \$10.00 - \$28.00

#### **Suitability Assessment Questions**

Why do you feel the construction trades would be a good field?

Do you have an interest in a Union Apprenticeship?

What have you done in the past that you feel has prepared you for a career in construction?

Do you have reliable transportation? Construction work can be anywhere throughout the state.

Can you lift 90 lbs and stand, walk, bend and stoop throughout an 8-hr work day?

Do you have math skills? Can you perform basic math, algebra, geometry, calculator usage?